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In connection with prosecution in Serial No.
Re: 09/845,080, please find enclosed an Amendment and **CC:**
Response to the Office Action of October 24, 2002.

Sincerely,

David Bonham

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Naimark et al.

Serial No.: 09/845,080

Filed: April 27, 2001

Title: MICROPARTICLE PROTECTION
OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Dave Trong Nguyen

Docket No.: 00-0238

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002 in the above matter,
please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 6, 16 and 18-36 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7-12 and 17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of using polymer microparticles to protect pharmaceutical effectiveness of a pharmaceutically active agent comprising:

providing a pharmaceutically acceptable suspension comprising a pharmaceutically active agent and polymer microparticles, wherein said pharmaceutically

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